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**MINOR PLANT FIBRES OF WEST BENGAL STATE AND
THEIR ABORIGINAL USAGES**

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ABSTRACT

Meet up the basic need man always depends on the nature. Fiber is needed in human society mainly for making of cloths, cordages, ropes, paper and other households' materials. Human being always used a few selective plants species as the source of fibers. In this paper an attempt has been taken to find out some other plant species which can be supplemented as the source of plants fibers. Here 50 such species were enumerated which may use for making of ropes, cordages, papers, and other house hold materials including mats; from 11 – different tribal communities of state. Among these 50 – species though none of the species are threatened or endangered condition at present time, but, due over exploitation and habitat destruction they entered in this list in near future. So, positive effort should be taken for conservation of these plant species. Based on these minor fiber yielding plants socioeconomic upliftment may possible for different tribal communities of the state.

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